



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 5495

BY REPRESENTATIVE TREÑAS

AN ACT DECLARING THE JARO CATHEDRAL, MOLO CHURCH, THE ILOILO CITY CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT, FORT SAN PEDRO, JARO PLAZA COMPLEX, MOLO PLAZA COMPLEX AND PLAZA LIBERTAD COMPLEX, ALL LOCATED IN THE CITY OF ILOILO, AS HERITAGE AND TOURIST SPOTS

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

1 SECTION 1. The Jaro Cathedral, Molo Church, the Iloilo City Central
2 Business District, Fort San Pedro, Jaro Plaza Complex, Molo Plaza Complex
3 and Plaza Libertad Complex, all located in the City of Iloilo, are hereby
4 declared as heritage and tourist spots. As such, they shall be accorded priority
5 development by the Department of Tourism (DOT).

6 SEC. 2. The DOT, in coordination with the Iloilo City Cultural
7 Heritage Conservation Council, the Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise
8 Zone Authority and other concerned agencies of the government, shall, within
9 one (1) year after the approval of this Act, prepare the development plan
10 involving the construction, installation and maintenance of such appropriate
11 facilities and infrastructure which shall enhance tourism in the said areas:

1 *Provided*, That said development shall ensure the preservation and historic
2 significance of the identified tourist attractions.

3 SEC. 3. The DOT shall take immediate steps to implement the said
4 development plan and incorporate the same in the Department's overall
5 tourism development program for the ensuing calendar year.

6 SEC. 4. The DOT shall likewise promulgate the necessary rules and
7 regulations for the proper implementation of this Act.

8 SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication
9 in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,

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